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1. Coal Production Figures and Costs

- The planned total output for 1948 amounts to 67.5 million tons.
- The average output per miner has amounted to 1,470 kilograms per shift during 1948. The prewar output per miner averaged 2,200 kilograms per shift. The discrepancy is attributed to underpayment and lack of special incentives. The present production cost per ton is only 4 dollars in Poland

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2. Reliability of Published Statistics

While the Polish daily press often exaggerates the achievements of Polish collieries, the figures published by serious periodicals such as *Legiel* ("Coal"), *Przegląd Gorniczy* ("Mining Review"), and *Zycie Gospodarcze* ("Economic Life") may be considered as trustworthy.

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3. Internal Distribution

The 1948 home quota of 43 million tons has so far proved inadequate for Polish requirements. As a result of uneconomical use of coal by industry and of bad distribution, 70 percent of available supplies has been taken by only 23 percent of the population. The rest have fared badly. Even so, the yearly average has been better than that of the Soviet Union, where at present it is only 940 kg. per inhabitant.

4. Coal Export

- Of the 24 million tons planned for export in 1948, 50 percent will go by sea via Szczecin, Gdynia, and Gdanek. It is hoped to raise this figure to 19 million tons in 1949.

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b. Countries receiving Polish coal (in tons per year) are:

Austria	400,000	At \$8.50 per ton (paid from U.S. loan to Austria).
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Czechoslovakia	500,000	(No increase required).
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Hungary	600,000	
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Russian Zone of Germany	"	No figures given.
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Yugoslavia	"	No figures given.
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Bulgaria	"	No figures given.
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c. The Polish-Soviet trade agreement on coal calls for 6 million tons per year for five or six years to be supplied to Russia. Of this amount, 5 million tons will be paid for at \$1.25 a ton, 1 million tons at \$8.50 a ton. These rates are fixed on the understanding that the Soviet Union will hand over to Poland 25 percent of the capital reparations she hopes to get from the Western Zones of Germany. This agreement contains no secret clauses.

5. Mechanization of Polish Coal Mines

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a. [redacted] mechanized equipment [redacted] is now being manufactured in twelve Polish factories employing 8,000 men. Three of these are at Niwka, Piotrowice Slackie, and Rybnik. 50X1-HUM

b. The Polish ball-bearing factory [redacted] is situated at Stalowa Wola near Rozwadow on the Sandomierz-Nisko-Jaroslav railway line. 50X1-HUM

c. Steel cables for the mines are manufactured at the former Dajksel Bros. factory at Socnowiec.

6. Polish Coke Production

The planned coke output for 1948 is 5 million tons, of which 1,800,000 tons are to be exported to [redacted] the Soviet Union (200,000) tons. 50X1-HUM

7. Synthetic Gasoline

The attempts made to start production from the plant brought from Schwarzheide to replace the one removed by the Russians from Oswiecim have not yet borne fruit. No coal is being delivered to the Oswiecim plant.

8. Polish Steel Production

The 1948 output of steel amounted to 1.5 million tons.

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